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1. From 5 through 12 April 1953, source observed that the Technische Werke in Gera still quartered 1,500 VP personnel, half of them officers.

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2. After 16 April, trucks were frequently seen carrying engineer equipment from the KVP billets to the Gera-Sued railroad station. It was rumored that the KVP unit involved was to be moved toward the Czech border, where it was to be merged with other KVP units. The movement was, allegedly, to be started on 20 April. A service school was to arrive in Gera.²
3. On 22 April, the KVP unit previously located in the former airfield barracks south of Seeberg near Gotha was said to have moved to Stralsund.³

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1. Comment. A KVP cadre unit is located at the Technische Werke in Gera.

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2. Comment. The transfer of the KVP cadre unit from Gera toward the Czech border in southern Saxony is believed possible. Information received after mid-April indicates that many KVP units were moved to other military posts. According to another source, the service school in Kirchhain-Dobrilugk was scheduled to move to Gera on 1 May 1953.

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3. Comment. This cadre unit probably moved to Premnitz or Kietz and not to Stralsund.

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